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PORT ARTHUR-DAIREN AREA TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
REPORTS PROGRESS IN HIGHWAY REPAIRS

FIRST PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED IN APRIL -- Dairen Lu-Ta Jen-min Jih-pao, 17 Apr 50

Plans for repairs to be made on the various sections of highways in the Port Arthur and Dairen area have been completed by the Transportation Office of the Port Arthur and Dairen Administrative Office. Work on the roadbed and steel bridge and other engineering activities for the Ying-ko-shih and Shan-chuan-liu road between Port Arthur and Dairen is to be completed before the end of April 1950. The second project, which consists of the engineering work on the winding road near Lung-tao and the new road near Shui-shih-ying, is to be completed at the same time.

Work to be done in the near future includes that on the new road between Wu-ch'a-ying-tzu and Ta-ching-k'ou, repairs on the central and the north sections of the Port Arthur and Dairen roads, repairs to the bridge on the south section of the Port Arthur and Dairen road, and the 60.84 kilometer Fu-hsien to Shih-ho section of the Mukden-Dairen highway.

Preparation for the engineering activities started in November 1949. All plans, equipment, material, and manpower are ready for operation.

TO OPEN HUAI HO BRIDGE -- Nanking Hsin-hua Jih-pao, 17 Apr 50

The Bridge Construction Engineering Office of the Tsinan Railroad Control Bureau has reported that more than 61 percent of the repair work on the Huai Ho steel bridge, which was undertaken in November 1949, has been completed and that the workers are now striving to open the bridge for traffic by 1 May 1950.

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This bridge, which is 574 meters long and 25 meters wide, was partially destroyed by the retreating KMT troops in January 1949. It was repaired temporarily by the military forces in May 1949 to permit transport of essential war materials to the front-line troops. Upon completion, the bridge will be made up of ten spans instead of its original nine.

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